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Classified By: Acting Political Minister-Counselor Bruce Turner for Reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

11. (C) On June 7 poloff delivered reftel demarche points to French MFA Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FMCT) action officer Etienne le Harivel de Gonneville. In a follow-up conversation on June 9, Gonneville explained that the GoF, like many other countries, is in favor of the FMCT. He added that France also had "no particular difficulty" with the negotiating mandate, nor with handling the mandate discretely such that it would not be linked to more contentious issues at the Conference on Disarmament (CD). However, he said, he doubted whether all members of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG), namely Israel, would support the initiative.

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